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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to address the delay in regulatory clearance which is apparently slowing down the technology transfer to the country in the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Madam, it has been the endeavour of Government of India to expedite regulatory clearance in order to ensure availability of latest technology in agriculture in the country. Following steps have been taken for expediting the registration:

1. On-line application for registration of pesticides under Computerized Registration of Pesticides (CROP) since 2010-11.

2. Submission of applications for grant of original registration in five folders for simultaneous scrutiny since 2004-05.

3. Permission to import pesticide formulations without registering technical grade pesticide since 2007-08.

4. Facilitation for introduction of new bio-pesticide through a comparatively lesser data requirement and a more relaxed set of guidelines for registration.

5. Provision for data protection in the Pesticides Management Bill, which is under consideration of Rajya Sabha since October, 2008 to encourage introduction of newer molecules into the country.

(c): Does not arise.